

A Special Committee of the members of the Chamber of Commerce, appointed to report on the currency question, submitted the following report on Monday last.

HONOLULU, May 19, 1884.

The President of the Chamber of Commerce, Dear Sir—The undersigned committee, appointed to consider the necessity of introducing an act to amend the present legal tender and currency act of 1876, beg to report as follows:

Upon the ninth of January, the Chamber communicated to the Government its belief that the present legal tender act of 1876 could not be carried out with the proportion of silver coin then in circulation.

The Chamber further stated its conviction that the enforcement of this law under then existing circumstances would inevitably depreciate the silver coin, without the proportionate withdrawal of other silver coins, would necessarily increase the difficulty. The Chamber, therefore, expressed the opinion that the only safe course was to limit the importation of silver to the local requirements of the Kingdom and to withdraw from circulation, at the expense of the Treasury, all silver coins other than the new Hawaiian and the United States coins.

Your Committee have to report with regret that no point in the recommendation of January 9th has been adopted by the Government. On the contrary, they have added very largely to the excessive proportion of silver then in circulation, and have now given notice virtually that the legal tender act of 1876 will be enforced.

The position is simply this, that from the 1st of June the Government will refuse to receive, at their chief receiving office, the Hawaiian coin which has been introduced at so much cost; and, inasmuch as the Treasurer's action must regulate the current value of all coins, the declaration that Hawaiian silver will no longer be received at the Custom House, effectually depreciates the value of said coins.

It is natural that those who have to pay gold will exact gold, and the legal tender act so long left in abeyance, will be enforced by this act of the Treasury. Your committee observe that the Government are in hopes of inducing the United States Government to admit the Hawaiian coinage on equal terms with that of the United States, but we are unable to share in the expectation that the United States Government will receive Hawaiian coins at any higher value than is placed upon them by the Hawaiian Government.

Your Committee are at a loss to know how the circulation of silver coinage at par, and the demand for U. S. Gold at the Custom House can coexist; and in this position they have no alternative but to recommend such an alteration of the currency or legal tender act of 1876 as will bring the law into harmony with the requirements of commerce.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the Chamber approve the introduction of an act placing the circulation on a gold basis and authorizing the shipment of all silver coin in excess of local requirements, at the expense of the Treasury. We recommend that the maximum amount for which silver shall be legal tender be twenty dollars instead of fifty dollars. We remain, Sir, Your obedient servants,

THEO. H. DAVIES,
P. C. JONES, JR.,
Majority Committee.

W. W. Hall, Secretary pro tem, Honolulu Chamber of Commerce.

The *Chronicle* says that Mrs. D. J. Staples of Taylor street, San Francisco gave a lunch party on the 5th instant to the Princesses of the Sandwich Islands. Those invited were: Mrs. C. R. Bishop, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. George Beckley, Miss Leonora Irwin, all of the Sandwich Islands; Mrs. Governor Stensman, Mrs. William H. Dinwood, Mrs. B. B. Redding, Mrs. Dr. Cushing, Mrs. Theodore Daggis and Miss Nellie Hathaway. Mrs. Staples was assisted in receiving and entertaining the guests by Miss Kittie Staples. The arrangement of floral decoration was on an elaborate scale and extremely beautiful. The entertainment was carried on something in the Sandwich Island style in honor of the principal guest.

The following is a list of the through passengers per S. S. City of Sydney: Mrs. Haslett and daughter, Mr. Cohen and son, Mrs. A. Huntington, R. M. Smith, John Richardson, J. Ramsey, Misses Cohen (2), T. A. Maher, Mrs. A. Wolington, V. A. V. Delaine, Mrs. Pearce, Misses Pearce (3), J. H. Hulton, G. F. Simpson, Misses Rogers (2), A. H. Tozen, Capt. C. E. Bayley, W. J. Kingsland, Miss P. Ringstad, Rev. E. H. Morton, Mrs. Stitt, Miss Malcolm, O. Halland, wife and infant, Mrs. Richardson, D. Luciani, Geo. Barchelder, wife and child, Chas. A. Dean, John Clark, Wm. Kennedy and son, M. Rosenfeld, G. C. Mastick.

The news as to the sugar market at New York is that prices are stationary, whilst from London a slight fall is reported.

A Portuguese boy severely injured one of his ankles last Sunday whilst riding the race horse *Poul Mol* at the Park.

The great six-day walking match in New York was won by Fitzgerald, Rowell taking second place.

The schooner *Ida Schaner* sailed from Eureka for Honolulu on the 9th instant.

The P. M. S. S. Zealandia arrived at Sydney on the 8th instant.

A London journal reports that M. Pasteur, the great French experimenter of the germ theory of diseases, asserts that by inoculation with virus from a mad dog, other dogs can be absolutely protected from that dreadful disease—hydrophobia. The details of his mode of inoculation are not stated; but, if true, this discovery is very important to the owners of dogs in hot and dry countries, especially in the tropics.

The *San Francisco Journal of Commerce* says: "We are here in danger of losing part of our Australian trade, because, though the New South Wales and New Zealand Governments are willing to pay their *pro rata*, the United States Congress is not willing to allow it. It is probable that in this way a blow will be inflicted on our trade in that direction, that it will take many years to recover from."

Mr. Kama, Police Magistrate of the Waianae district, has paid the fine inflicted upon him by Mr. Bickerton, for exceeding his duty in refusing to accept bail from some Portuguese. All District Magistrates and Deputy-Sheriffs ought to take warning by Mr. Kama's act and avoid making similar mistakes. The appeal to the Intermediate Court only made the matter bear a worse aspect.

A correspondent writes from Kipahulu, Maui, May 16th, 1884. "Last week our Government doctor narrowly escaped being drowned in Hana in trying to cross a freshet. Messrs. Unna and Cummings both lost some bullocks." [This probably occurred about the same place where Dr. Beratz was drowned. Ed. P. C. A.]

From the *Wasp* we learn that Mr. T. D. McKay, agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy route, recently returned from an extended Eastern tour. Mr. McKay has now made every arrangement for the pleasant transportation of passengers by this favorite line. He is a model railroad agent, and may well be entitled to the name of the traveller's friend.

An earnest appeal is made by Capt. Geo. C. Lees, who visits the gaol regularly, for German newspapers to be distributed among the German inmates of the prison. Persons having such papers will oblige by leaving them at J. T. Waterhouse's store on King street.

There were no newspaper consignments to the news agents received Sunday per S. S. City of Sydney. Packages of newspapers are classified as freight and cannot consistently be carried under existing arrangements. This is stretching the point to the extreme and thereby inflicts a severe blow on the public.

The *Missionary Herald* states that Mrs. Dolly White of Newbury, Vermont, aged one hundred years and six months has taken a share in the new *Morning Star*. The donations received for the vessel during March amounted to \$4,809 03, making the total receipts to April 1st \$12,203 77.

A lady residing at Kohala, and who has recently recovered her health and strength from the effects of an accident, seeks a position as governess to young children, or housekeeper. Applications addressed S. S. care Mr. J. S. Webb, will be in order.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTEL, May 17.—W. H. Cornwell, Waitapu, Maui; J. L. Richardson, Waianae; Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Vida, Olowalu, Maui; Geo. R. Ewart, Kohala; Edward J. Costello, Mrs. Bucklin, Jno. Ross, and L. J. Lionarors.

On Tuesday next the annual ball given by the British Benevolent Society will take place at the Music Hall. As the proceeds are devoted to a charitable purpose, the committee hope to sell tickets to gentlemen of all nationalities.

Mr. Lee, who was wont to brew beer in Honolulu a year or two ago was a through passenger per S. S. City of Sydney for the Colonies, whither he goes to fill the position of an expert in the malt liquor business.

The P. M. S. S. City of Sydney brought two cabin passengers for Honolulu, Mrs. J. M. Caverley and Miss Caverley, daughter and granddaughter of the late B. F. Bolles. Also a few steerage passengers.

A disobedient soldier escaped from the barracks on Monday night, notwithstanding that he had an appendage styled "ball and chain" for previous refractory conduct.

Henry Heyman, the well-known violinist, will sail from San Francisco on the 1st of June for Honolulu, in search of rest and recreation.

A daily edition of the Hawaiian newspaper *Elele* will be published every morning until further notice.

Mr. Justice McGuilly returned from Hilo on Saturday. We regret to learn of Mr. Preston's detention through an attack of gout.

Purser Comfort of the City of Sydney and Messrs. J. M. Oat, Jr., & Co., have our thanks for copies of the latest newspaper files.

The brig *Courtney Ford* arrived at San Francisco on the 6th instant, 18 days from Kahului.

The passenger arrivals at San Francisco from the Hawaiian Islands during the month of April amounted to 218.

The S. S. City of Sydney sailed at 7 o'clock last Sunday evening.

"Who is so vile that would not love his country?" "None." "Then none have I offended, etc."

—*Brutus, in Julius Caesar.*

Such a question as the above can be consistently asked at the present time of those who feel proud to be called "Britishers." Now is the time for all who have a claim to the "right little isle" as their place of birth, to call on the Hon. A. S. Cleghorn, treasurer of the British Benevolent Society, and pay their annual subscription of \$6 each.

The opinion of the learned judges of the Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the isolation and segregation of lepers was read in the Assembly Tuesday. It is a voluminous document and was ordered to be printed. It sustains the action of the Government in this important matter.

Mr. Frank Brown's Sunday Bill was killed on Monday. Last session he received four votes in its favor, this year he coaxed nineteen. The world progresses and probably the next time Mr. Moncure D. Conway spends a Sunday in Honolulu, he will not have such grounds for complaint.

Owing to departure, the carriage horse, harness and phaeton belonging to Mrs. Allan Herbert, is offered for sale. This is a rare opportunity for a good investment. An imported saddle pony is also for sale. Particulars can be had from Mr. Herbert.

The brig *Consuelo* arrived late last Monday after a fifteen day's run from San Francisco. Amongst the passengers we note the arrival of Mr. J. W. Gardner, who represents the *Pacific Press* Publishing House.

The edition of the new directory arrived on Monday per *Consuelo*. Mr. J. W. Gardner of Oakland, Cal., comes down to assist Mr. Bagot in the distribution of the work which is now taking place.

The Road Supervisor has turned his attention to King street, east of Fort. It is to be hoped he will finish the sidewalks on Fort street instead of allowing the same to be trampled down by the public.

The Ladies of the Anglican Church are taking measures for holding a Fair in the 1st week in December next, to provide a fund for the internal fittings of St. Andrew's Cathedral.

We commend to the perusal of our readers the brief summary of Mr. Dole's speech in the Legislature on Monday on the Sunday law.

The "Caracelle" is becoming the fashionable resort of an evening. It is patronized by the nobility.

The S. S. City of Sydney took seventy-five tons of rice to the Colonies.

ISLAND NOTES.

HONOLULU, May 15, 1884.

The house of one of our planters was entered a few days ago by a thief, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and a considerable sum of money in silver extracted from the safe. The theft is supposed to have been committed by some one who knew the combination.

Rain has continued to fall steadily night and day for the last week; it is so bad that some of the planters could not get seed cane on the ground to plant, and business of all kinds is suffering materially throughout the district in consequence thereof.

KOHALA, May 16th, 1884.

The engine of the Mahukona bound passenger train ran off the track at Kohala Station on the 14th inst., in consequence of the switch being open, said to have been caused by some Portuguese boys. Is it just the safe thing to leave a switch unlocked?

Mrs. Thompson, mother of Dr. Thompson, was thrown from her seat in a state-room on the *Kinau*, while coming from Maui last Tuesday night and badly cut about the head, but is now doing well and feels very grateful that her injuries are not more serious.

Mr. Louisson, from Honolulu, is in town. He enjoys the pleasant drives about town.

I take it all back, you are not righteous. If you want a rest; take it on the seventh day. Perhaps you mean arrest. I hope you don't deserve it.

Judge Hart is deep into the benefits to be derived from the double effect which he proposes to put into his mill at an early day. Good machinery makes good results.

Coughs and colds are the fashion in Kohala, in consequence of six weeks' constant rain.

THE CUSTOM-HOUSE NOTICE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

The order of the Minister of Finance, requiring that all duties paid on imports shall be paid in American gold coin, on and after the first day of June, has been commented on by several of our contemporaries, without, however, any decided opinion having been expressed by either of them.

That every Government has the right to provide gold for all legitimate demands no one will for a moment question. So during the years when its currency was depreciated, the United States Government invariably paid all its foreign representatives and agents in gold, and as a rule all its business transactions with foreign powers, and the public debt and the interest on it were settled with gold. It was to meet this necessity and to establish the credit of the country that duties were required to be paid in gold.

The Hawaiian Government is now placed in precisely the same position that the American Government was twenty years ago. It requires gold for certain legitimate purposes—to pay its foreign representatives and consuls; to pay for all material and supplies purchased abroad, and to settle any balances that it may owe abroad, and thus maintain its credit, which should be the first object of every loyal man. This can best be done by payments in gold, to which government is justly entitled, not only by law, but by the usage of all nations.

SPORTING NOTES.

The celebrated thoroughbred "Waterford" arrived from Maui last Saturday, and was safely landed ex S. S. *Kinau*. Waterford will probably participate in the races of the 11th June, and will also be shown at the Agricultural Fair. He will afterwards stand for a limited number of good good mares. This will offer a rare chance for those wanting to breed good racing stock. Waterford is the property of Mr. W. H. Cornwell. The following is Waterford's pedigree:—Foaled 1871, bred by Theodore Winters, by Langford. First dam Margretta, by Lexington; second dam Eleanor Margrave by imp. Margrave; third dam Fanny Wright by Silverheels; fourth dam Aurora by Lloyd's Ving'tun; fifth dam Pandora by Grey Diomed; sixth dam by Hall's Union; seventh dam by Leonidas; eighth dam by imp. Othello; ninth dam by imp. Juniper; tenth dam by Moreton's imp. Traveller; eleventh dam imp. Selina by the Godolphin Arabian.

Record—Sacramento, Cal., May 4th, 1874, won Golden Eagle Hotel Plate for three-year-olds, mile heats, beating Woodbury, Electra, and a colt by Norfolk. Time—1:46, 1:47, 1:49. Sacramento, September 21st, 1874, won purse for three-year-olds, one mile and a half, beating Electra, Belle Mowry, Lady Amanda, and Bill Hazel. Time—2:42½. San Francisco, April 24th, 1875, won a race of two-mile heats, taking second and third heats in 3:37, 3:39, beating Woodbury and Hoek Hocking. Woodbury won the first heat in 3:35½.

On Saturday last the thoroughbred racer "Schnapp" arrived from Kohala, in charge of Mr. Miles, owner and trainer. He also brought down a three-year-old mare. On embarking at Mahukona, Schnapp was slightly hurt on the near fore leg just above the hoof. This will deter him from being worked for a few days, and of course interfere with his training; but, should all go well, Mr. Miles hopes to gain a place for him in the Kamehameha Plate, and probably in the Reciprocity Cup.

Several gentlemen have expressed a desire that there should be a 1½ mile or 1½ mile dash in the programme of events to take place on the 11th June. It is an advantage to the spectators to see the horses pass the stand twice, instead of merely seeing the start and waiting for the finish.

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